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## Hundreds brave cold to cheer launch of Sunday River Chondola

By TERRY KARKOS

Despite below-zero temperatures early Saturday night, several hundred skiers and snowboarders of all ages packed Sunday River Ski Resort's South Ridge base area.

Many came ready to party in style to help celebrate the Newry ski hill's grand opening of its \$7 million "chondola," a high-speed gondola/chair lift running from South Ridge base area to Peak Lodge on North Peak.

Billed as the first chondola in the Northeast, the huge lift scoots six-person chairs and eight-person enclosed gondola cars up the mountain in less than seven minutes.

Night skiing under the resort's first-ever set of trail lights accompanied the event.

"This represents a huge step forward in tapping Sunday River's full potential that has been envisioned this past year," said Stephen Kircher, president of Boyne USA Resorts' eastern operations, prior to a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Gov. John Baldacci.

"Between the versatility of the chondola and 12 hours (of skiing), we are redefining the eastern mountain experience," Kircher said.

Byron Carlock Jr., president of Boyne's capital partner, CNL Income Properties, stoked the crowd, saying, "Maine's governor made it his priority to focus on the outdoors and recreation activities."

Baldacci amped up the

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## CNL, Boyne outline real estate plans for resort

By ALISON ALOISIO

Sunday River Ski Resort last week presented an application to the Newry Planning Board to establish subdivisions and re-align property boundaries.

The changes are in anticipation of Sunday River's parent company, CNL Lifestyle Properties Inc., selling more than 1,000 acres of property to the company that manages the resort, Boyne Resorts.

The sale of the parcels is the first of a series of land transactions between the companies that was planned when CNL purchased the resort last year, according to Mark Hall, director of development at Sunday River.

"CNL is a real estate investment trust. They can't operate as an ongoing development company," Hall told the board.

"CNL wants to retain for the most part any land that is anticipated to have any operational assets on it -- new ski terrain and potentially new lifts, things like that. We're trying for the most part to keep the operational stuff with CNL, and development stuff with Boyne."

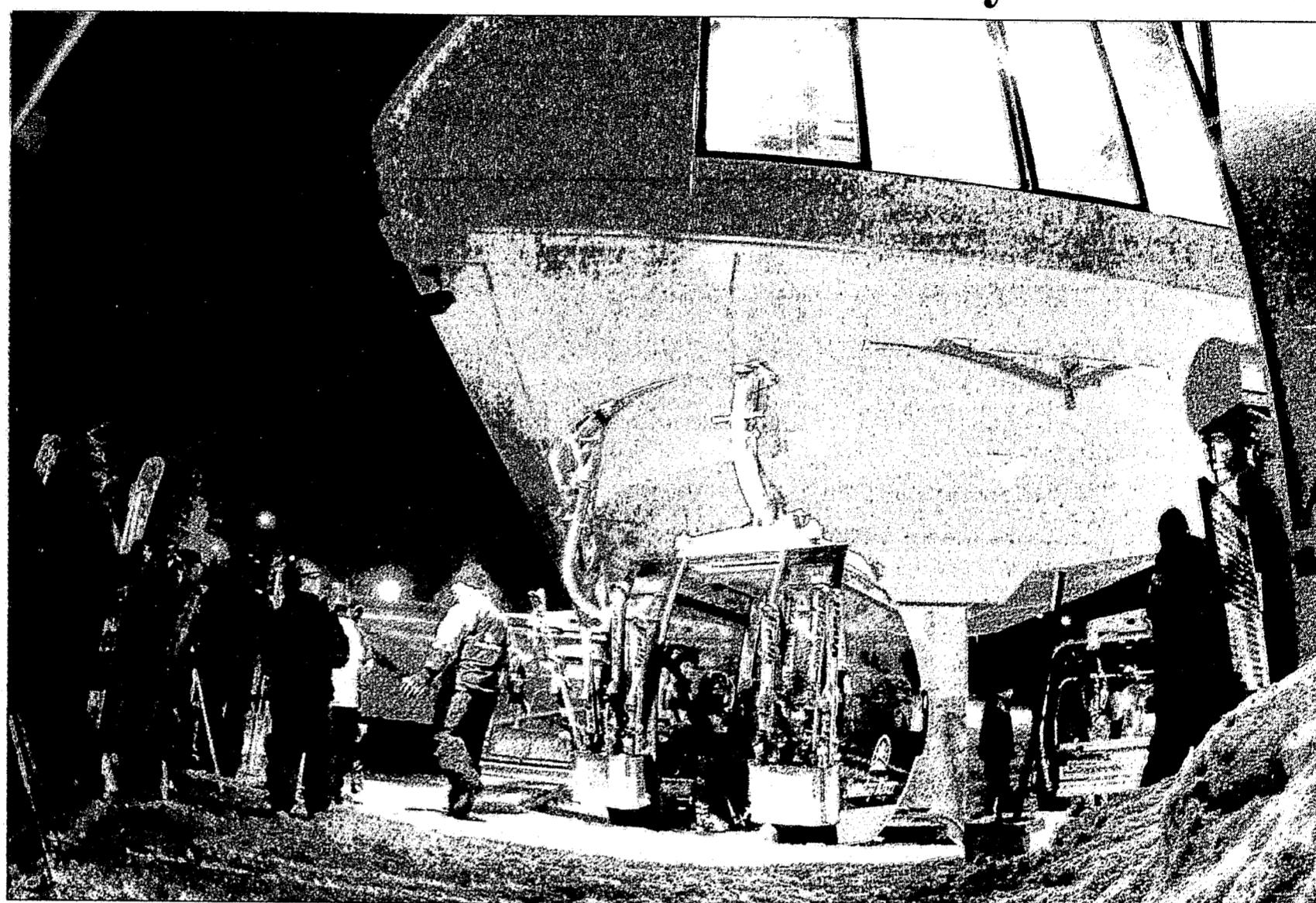
He said the first transaction

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Esther's going on Christmas Break...

So Dr. Shaw's office on lower Main Street will be closed from Dec. 24th thru Jan. 4th.

**Happy Holidays!**



A NEW WAY  
TO SCALE  
THE PEAKS

The grand opening of Sunday River's new chondola lift, which features a combination of gondola cars and six-person chairs, took place Saturday night. Despite frigid temperatures, several hundred skiers and boarders lined up to try out the lift and night skiing, also new this year. Here, a gondola departs the boarding area under the lift. At right, other skiers board a chair. More photos, Page 7.

(Photo:  
A. Aloisio)

## Couple crafts original books to give young relatives at Christmas

By ALISON ALOISIO

When Matt and Kim Hongoltz-Hetting of Albany started giving Christmas gifts to their young nieces and nephews several years ago, Matt said, "we didn't want to resort to the latest toy on the shelf."

So Matt, an English major in college, and Kim, an art major, have combined their talents each year to create books just for their young relatives.

The pair, who came to the Bethel area from Illinois in 2007, attended the University of Illinois-Chicago. They started making books six years ago. The first was simply a collection of recommended books for youngsters of various ages, complete with sample illustrations.

"I liked reading when I was young," said Matt, so he and Kim decided to share their favorites with their then-three nephews and nieces. Kim bound the vol-

umes herself.

The next year, the couple utilized their own creativity, writing poems individualized for each child.

They followed that effort with two storybooks that incorporated the children as characters.

One, "The Roasted, Toasted Marshmallow Legs" tells the tale of the kids being sprayed by a skunk and living in the garage for a time until a tomato juice bath could be arranged.

As the number of nieces and nephews grew (it's now eight), Matt and Kim had to adjust their approach.

They moved from including each child in the plot to a more general story, sometimes accompanied by individual poems about each youngster.

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## Philbrook Place to be auctioned in January

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"In 1994 Bethel was a much shabbier place," said Pat Thurston.

That was the year Thurston purchased the Samuel D. Philbrook property on lower Main Street.

The Philbrook house and barn, connected by an ell, was completed in 1879.

In his 1984 book, "Oxford County, Maine: A guide to its historic architecture," historian Randy Bennett described the Philbrook House as "the finest Italianate residence in Bethel and one of the most important in Oxford County."

But by the time she purchased the property, Thurston said, it was little more

than "an old house with pink asbestos shingles and a large, clapped-out barn."

"From my brief experience working in commercial real estate in Portland, I felt the house needed what is termed as a 'change of use,' to commercial," Thurston said, and she had a particular vision for that commercial manifestation.

"I was fascinated by the idea of a place over in Vermont called 'The Jelly Jar,' which was a huge building with several stores, without walls, under one roof," Thurston said.

Thurston paid a little over

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NOT IN PANIC

Undaunted by the cold, a faun plays panpipes on the lawn of Philbrook Place, on lower Main Street in Bethel village, but in January a commercial real estate auctioneer will be calling the tune for the property's future. Owner Pat Thurston said the current economic slump is not the reason for her decision to sell the property in this manner.

(Photo:  
M. Daniels)

### Bethel Recreation Basketball

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See our complete menu/entertainment line-up on page 3!

# Letters

## CHAIR RAFFLE GIVES MLT A LIFT

### To the Editor:

You may have noticed, while driving by True North Adventureware on Route 26, what seems to be a curious-looking lawn swing constructed from a chairlift chair. Well, that is exactly what it is, and the Trails Committee of the Mahoosuc Land Trust is raffling off this beautifully made lawn swing on Feb. 22. Tickets, costing \$5 for one or three for \$10, are available at True North, Pinnacle, Piste Off, Jack Frost, the Barking Dawg, Bob and Terry's, the Great American Ski Renting Company, the MLT office on weekdays, any Mahoosuc Land Trust Board member, and Michele Perejda at Townsend Realty.

This is a fundraiser for the continuing construction of the Bethel Pathway, which will be extended around the MLT Gateway property in the near future. The Bethel Pathway, used by many of us, is a genuine asset to our entire community. We hope you will support our effort and perhaps win this unique collector's item. Thanks for your support, and happy holidays to all.

*Bonnie Pooley*

Mahoosuc Land Trust Board and Trails Committee member

## WREATH HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

### To the Editor:

As some of you may have noticed, our wreath has been returned.

I would like to thank Police Chief Carr for his help in making that happen. It really is nice to have it back in place.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Fran Head*

Maine Street Realty

## HOLD THE SHOES

### To the Editor:

I'm sure by now everyone has seen the news clip of President George Bush dodging shoes.

At first, it was amusing. One of the great things about being an American has been the ability for most of us not to take ourselves too seriously. But now it is being suggested that everyone send a shoe to give President Bush a royal send-off. Whoa, slow up here. This is our president and, whether we like him or approve of the things he's done or not, at least over half of us voted him in office; and, aside from that, respect is still due the office.

The United States of America has been a good example of a melting pot, blending our unique cultures into a culture all our own. But now we are dangerously close to becoming a nation of tribes, which, if one takes a good look, has been one of the reasons people have been leaving their own countries in the first place. Tribes are only interested in promoting themselves and, when one tribe begins to dominate, hatred and ethnic cleansing often follow.

President-elect Obama won on a platform of change, but I don't think he meant we are to change into a people filled with hate for people with views different from our own — and sending President Bush off with a shower of shoes, either literally or figuratively, is an act of hate — which is what the Iraqi man intended in the first place.

Let's not forget that many Muslim leaders have stated publicly that they will not rest until the whole world is either Muslim or dead. I would suggest that taking an approach favored by Muslims is not a thing the American people should embrace. I'm sure Muslims have many admirable qualities but hatred is not one of them, and not only for them, but for anybody. Hate hurts.

Let's send our retiring president off as we've always done — with dignity. He at least deserves that much and so do we.

*Lorraine Larson*

Locke Mills

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

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## THANKS FOR THE CAREER

### To the Editor:

I am writing to express my thanks to friends, customers, family and fellow employees.

It is hard for me to believe that after 30 years in banking I am retiring from this career, which has given myself and my family a great life, great benefits, provided me with wonderful experiences, a world of knowledge, a lifetime of friendships, a roof over my family's head and an opportunity to allow me to grow as much as I could not knowing just how far I could go.

I owe a big thank you to Mary Ann Brown for my start. Had she not informed me about a secretarial position at Oxford Bank back in 1975, I might still be a waitress today. I learned so much of what I know today from Mary Ann Brown.

Thank you to Jim Delamater for taking on his former co-worker at Oxford Bank to work with me at Bethel Savings Bank n/k/a Northeast Bank in 1981. It was there that I really got a great background in lending and became an official lender.

In 1997 I made the move to Norway Savings Bank and was hired as the branch manager/VP at their Bethel branch. Thanks to Juanita Smith, a good word from Ross Tardif and the review of Peter Montpelier I was in at Norway Savings Bank. Norway Savings Bank allowed me the opportunity to live in my hometown and be able to work there also. Norway Savings Bank has provided me a wonderful place to work. This bank treats their employees like family. When something happens to one of their own, they circle the wagons of concern, caring and support and make sure you have what you need.

It is no wonder that in 2007 we placed 2nd and in 2008 we placed 1st as the Best Place to work in Maine. Quite an accomplishment!

I am going to miss all the golf that I have enjoyed over the years with my fellow employees.

I know I am giving up a great job, but it is time for some new endeavors in my life with my husband and family.

My shoes will be well filled by Amy Marshall, who has worked for Norway Savings Bank for the past 10 years, most recently, as the branch manager for the Oxford Wal-Mart branch for the past six years. Many of you will recognize Amy or her family members. She will do a great job for you.

I want to thank everyone and anyone who has had a role to play in my career. Employees whom I have worked beside over the years; my customers who I hope I have helped in some small way to make their life better or easier; friendships I have made along the way; my children, Monica and Carrie, for enduring some very late nights working when they were very little not only at the bank but at a second job I took on; my husband Craig of 13 years who has stood with me and beside me and encouraged me on days when I needed it. My stepchildren, Keith and Deanna, and all our grandchildren. My mother, brothers and sisters. My very special friends, Sue Cross, Jannine Buck and Susan Beer.

I would like to thank all those who came into Norway Savings on the 19th to wish me well, drop off cards, Dottie York and my mother for the flowers and those that came by to extend their well wishes. Also The Good Food Store for providing the food for this event.

Last, but certainly not the least, I would like to thank my partners in crime who organized my retirement open house, who I have loved dearly since working with them all. I will miss Kelly Duguay, Susan Driscoll, Linzsy Herman, Katy Cyr and Danielle Skorupa the most. I have shared many laughs, a lot of excitement, tears of joy and tears of sadness. They are truly a great team of ladies and I would encourage anyone who is not a customer of Norway Savings Bank to come over and meet this great team of women. You'll understand why after you meet them. This day wouldn't have happened without them.

Thank you, Craig and I will be heading out Jan. 2, for our little retreat in Zephyrhills, Fla., for some warm sun, fresh strawberries and fresh squeezed orange juice.

Fondly,

*Jane Ryerson*

*Bethel*

## Chondola

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crowd's excitement several notches when he said of the chondola and 12-hour skiing, "This is going to be the No. 1 attraction for tourism in Maine."

After cutting the ribbon to open the lift, fireworks exploded over the mountain as rock music boomed around the base area from a stage beside the new lift.

Under the colorful, noisy bombardment, the chondola's cars and chairs zoomed up the mountain before one returning gondola delivered a

waving, rosy-cheeked Santa to wild applause, hooting and hollering.

Then, the first of many waves of yelling skiers and snowboarders, pumping fists in the air, took their seats and headed up the mountain.

For Rory Murphy of Boston, the event was the highlight of a weekend of skiing.

"This has been a great event!" said the skier who wore a gold crown atop his blue tote cap. "I can't wait to hit the slope. I like the lift and I can't wait to ride it. It's a

good addition."

Equally excited several rows behind him were Ralph and Kim Bartholomew of Raymond. They came to ski and celebrate Kim's 50th birthday on Friday.

"It's always nice to have fireworks on a birthday," Ralph said. "I told her the fireworks were for her."

The birthday girl said the whole event was exciting.

"It's great to be able to night-ski," she said. "It's something different and it adds to the day."

## Real Estate

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parcels. Another one or two transaction packages will likely follow in the future, he said.

But, said Hall, people shouldn't read too much into the plans.

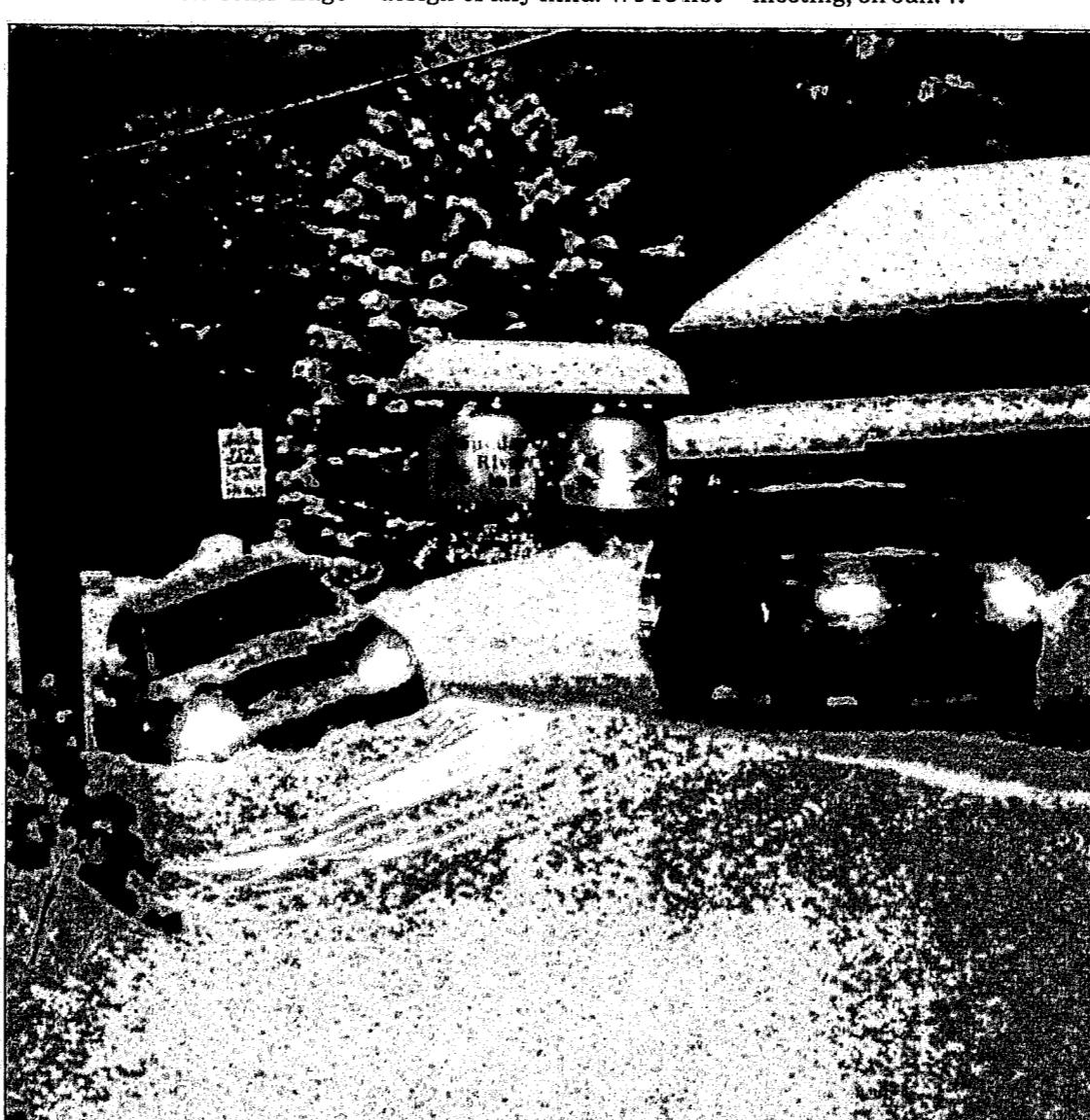
"We don't want anybody to look at this and say we're coming in with 12 parcels and we're off on some huge

accelerated development process of some kind. That's not the intent. This is really intended to be the parcels that we will focus on for the next six or seven years, and if the economy goes the way it is, maybe 10 years. We don't currently have any active project on any of these parcels under design of any kind. We're not

going to be coming back in here two months from now with an application on seven or eight of the parcels."

The board heard details of some of the planned boundary adjustments and subdivision plans.

They will continue work on the application at their next meeting, on Jan. 7.



SLIP-SLIDING AWAY—This slide-off on the Sunday River Access Road was only one of several across the area during Sunday's storm. Fortunately, no serious injuries were reported. Steve Wight, owner of the Sunday River Inn, said the curve in front of the inn is continually claiming such victims. "The curve does seem to collect cars," Wight said, "especially early in the season and during storms when the road edge is ill defined and drivers still think they can go anywhere at any speed."

(Photo: M. Daniels)

## Our

## Back

## Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Mt. Abram opened for the season on Dec. 20, under new owner Randy Duncan.

The Crescent Park School chorus entertained at the Rotary's annual senior citizen Christmas Dinner.

Among the entertainers at the first annual New Year's Eve were Henry Bascomb, Fiddle Box, Good Rockin' Daddies, Highland Soles, and State Street Traditional Jazz Band.

Births: Aleha Michelle Cushman, Deven Patrick Finnegan, Brooke Lee Libby, Benjamin Maurice Roy, Deziree Noelle MacKillop, Dominique Marie Millett.

Deaths: Allyn H. Emens, James Shields, Glenn E. Brooks, Read L. Grover, Arne Cummings, Bertha Cummings, William Johnston, Robert E. Coolidge.

20 years ago: Amid falling snowflakes a hardy group made the rounds in West Bethel village, singing carols for the pleasure of their neighbors.

The Children's Dance Theater of Bethel took its annual tour to Ledgeview Nursing Home to present a Christmas program.

Wendy E. Penley opened Mahoosuc Realty, Inc. in the Mountain View Mall in Bethel.

Birth: Carl Parker Hansen, Amber Leigh Cummings, Kara Lynn Coulombe.

Deaths: Irma Thompson, Francis Ward, Jr., Eugene Bushell, George P. Stowell, Jr.

30 years ago: The Upton Young People presented a "Charlie Brown" Christmas play.

GAN Sanitation Service was sold by George and Danna Nickerson to Dwight and Elaine Merrill, effective Jan. 1, 1979.

The Christmas Eve Service at the Rumford Point Congregational Church was well attended. Cary Morton and Lisa Ramsey sang a duet.

Birth: Alexandra Cash Gillies.

Death: Joseph Vanable.

40 years ago: The MYF of the Methodist Church sponsored a Christmas party for Head Start families' children at the Ethel Bisbee School.

The Bethel PTA sponsored a New Year's Dance at William Bingham Gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roy and infant son, Michael, portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's 5th annual Living Nativity.

Death: John E. Price.

50 years ago: The Board of Directors of the Bethel Area Development Corporation extended an official welcome to Roger Favreau and his new woodworking mill in West Bethel.

The annual Gould Alumni Christmas party was held in William Bingham Gym with music furnished by Lord's Orchestra.

A nighttime fire caused an estimated \$15,000 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bean, Upper Main Street, Bryant Pond.

Birth: Judith Lynn Beaupre.

Deaths: Archer L. Grover, Mrs. Helen Smith Cole, Henry Perkins.

60 years ago: Emery Blake suffered second- and third-degree burns on his face and hands while fighting a fire in the nearly completed home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall on Paradise Hill. The building was badly damaged.

Richard Bryant was elected president of the Bethel Players. Other officers were: vice-president, Roland Glines; secretary, Mrs. Richard Waldron; treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Sanders.

Mrs. Julia Coolidge of Locke Mills was severely injured when struck by a car near the E

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## Briefly

### Special Town Meeting set

**WOODSTOCK**—A special Town Meeting will take place in Woodstock on Dec. 30 to ask voters to transfer approximately \$55,000 from the Overlay Account to the appropriate road accounts to fund overdrafts. The accounts are overdrawn due to the worse-than-usual winter of 2007-2008, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. On Dec. 22, a public hearing is scheduled at the Town Office at 4 p.m. regarding environmental aspects of the extension of Outlook Road for Phase Two of the Rustic Outlook subdivision, located off Route 26 in South Woodstock.

### Unemployment rate up

**AUGUSTA**—State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the preliminary seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate for Maine was 6.3 percent, up from 5.7 percent for October and 4.9 percent for November 2007. The national unemployment rate was 6.7 percent for November, up from 6.5 percent for October and 4.9 percent for November 2007. "Maine labor market conditions weakened considerably in November as the national recession deepened," Fortman said. "The number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine dropped by 2,400 between October and November, with the most substantial declines reported by the retail trade and manufacturing industries." Responding to the increased demand for assistance, Governor John E. Baldacci has approved hiring 18 additional positions, doubling the number of staff handling unemployment claims. Seven of those employees will begin work on Monday, Dec. 22. "We're bringing people on to help meet the increasing needs of Maine workers touched by this national recession," Governor Baldacci said. "If doubling the numbers of workers isn't enough, we will do more." Fortman cautioned that as new workers are hired and heavy call volumes continues, it is taking longer to get through to file unemployment claims by phone. "We are encouraging workers to file their initial or weekly claims online at [www.file4ui.com/](http://www.file4ui.com/) or by calling in their weekly claims through our Interactive Voice Response System which is available 24 hours 7 days a week by calling toll-free: 1-800-593-7660," Fortman said. The net loss of 2,400 seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs between October and November contributed to a decline of 7,100 jobs over the past year. Between November 2007 and November 2008, job losses were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities; construction; financial activities; leisure and hospitality services; government; manufacturing; and information. Partially offsetting these losses, job gains were recorded in educational and health services and professional and business services. Other New England states reporting a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for November include New Hampshire, 4.3 percent; and Massachusetts, 5.9 percent. The adjusted national rate for November was 6.7 percent, up from 6.5 percent for October and 4.7 percent for November 2007. The largest job loss was recorded by leisure and hospitality services as the tourist season wound down from its summer peak. A larger than normal seasonal loss was recorded by construction. Partially offsetting job losses, retail trade establishments geared up (although the increase was less than normal) for the holidays and local governments added jobs due to temporary hiring for elections.

### Request for bike-path funding

**AUGUSTA**—The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) is calling for including trails, bike lanes and sidewalks in the public works funding legislation that will be considered by Congress next month to help stimulate the economy. "We have an immediate need to put Americans to work, and we also have a long-term opportunity to revitalize our communities by investing in active transportation," said BCM Executive Director Allison Vogt. "Creating trails and other active infrastructure that include bicycle and pedestrian facilities will boost local businesses, improve health, cut carbon emissions and curb our dependency on foreign oil." Congress is expected to vote on an infrastructure funding bill aimed at creating millions of immediate jobs within days of President-Elect Barack Obama taking office. "Maine has a number of major projects that are ready to be built," Vogt said. "They include paths that would be shared by bicyclists, pedestrians and other users. I urge Maine's congressional delegation to ensure that the public works funding bill includes money for active transportation facilities as well as that are integrated with road and bridge projects." Several national organizations, including the Thunderhead Alliance and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, are compiling a list of "ready-to-go" biking and walking projects throughout the country that could be funded by an infrastructure bill. While the bill is unlikely to earmark money for specific projects, the list underscores the large number of biking and walking improvements that are ready to be built as soon as funding is available.

### Bryant named IFW committee chair

**AUGUSTA**—Sen. Bruce Bryant (D-Oxford County) of Dixfield has been appointed to chair the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the 121st Legislative Session. He was also selected to serve as a senator member on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. The appointment, made by Senate President Libby Mitchell, is a two-year appointment. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee is responsible for working with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Legislation or work related to hunting, fishing, trapping; wardens, licensing, and ATVs goes before this committee. The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee is responsible for overseeing the Departments of Agriculture, Forestry, and Conservation. In addition, legislators on this committee work on other matters like state parks, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC), and the Land for Maine's Future Program. Bryant has served as the Senate chair of the Legislature's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee since first being elected to the Senate in 2002. He was also appointed as Senate Chair of the Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Committee in 2002. While in the House of Representatives, he served on the Business and Economic Development Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Utilities and Energy Committee, as well as the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.

### Use caution with ice storm trees

**AUGUSTA**—Trees around the state suffered minimal damage from the Dec. 11 ice storm — far less than they did 10 years ago — and there's no need to react too quickly, according to Maine Forest Service officials. Homeowners obviously need to deal immediately with branches on their homes. Branches and trees on power lines also must be dealt with by calling local power companies. There's no necessity, however, "for people to go running out with a chainsaw and cutting all their trees," Dave Struble, Maine Forest Service director of Forest Health and Monitoring Division, said Thursday. It also is important, he said, "not to fall prey to the slick-talking operator with a truck and saw." Homeowners should be wary of those offering fly-by-night, emergency tree-cutting services, he said. "Make haste slowly," Struble advised.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS SANTA'S RUNWAY ON MERRILL HILL



Visions of sugarplums may have been dancing in your head but this owner was contemplating Morganite, Tourmaline, Beryl, Amethyst, Topaz and Aquamarine. The latest streets which are being sculpted into the slopes of Merrill Hill.

Seeing Santa off is just one of the perks each one of a kind trophy property offers in Merrill Hill Estates. We think you deserve to experience the very best Sunday River has to offer. Within this winter wonderland imagine your dream home and a beautiful homesite on over 460 acres surrounded by mountain vistas, enchanting woodlands, streams and century old logging trails that serve as private and pristine routes for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing while the rest of the family is skiing nearby Jordan Bowl. If your are not feeling athletic call for an appointment to preview this natural paradise located on Monkeybrook Road on the way to the Jordan Grand look for the Parkitecture Gatehouse.

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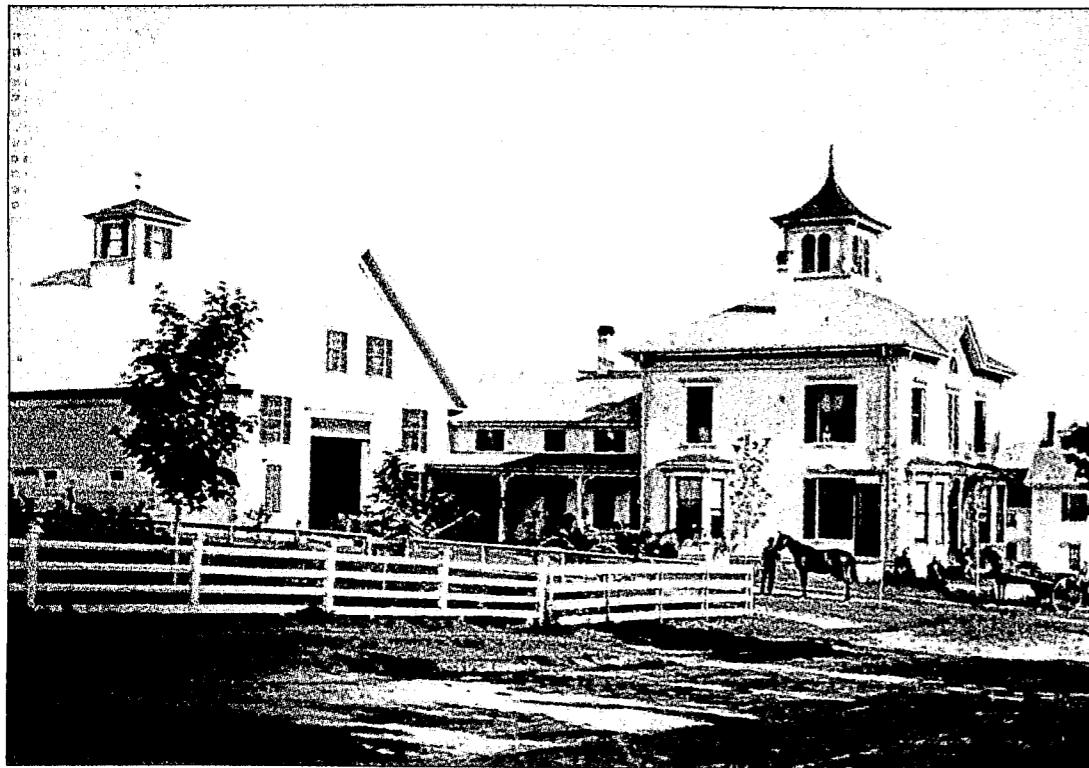
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**Auction**

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THE SAMUEL D. PHILBROOK HOUSE, Circa 1890.

(Photo: Courtesy Bethel Historical Society)

\$200,000 for the lower Main Street property, then spent roughly twice that renovating and restoring the two buildings.

When the project was complete, Philbrook Place — as it is now known — had almost 10,000 square feet of commercial and residential rental space.

The restored property is now listed on both the state and national Registers of Historic Places.

But Thurston also admits to other motivations for undertaking the project.

"I was from New Jersey and there was no shopping in Bethel so I tried to bring some shopping here," Hemeon said. "I loved bringing businesses to Bethel, and successful businesses were incubated at Philbrook place."

Including a bookstore. "The very first tenant I convinced to come to town was Books N Things of Norway," Thurston said.

And when times were good, business could be very good. "Gross sales for all the businesses together at the peak were just under a million dollars," she said.

But all good things come to an end — Thurston and her family moved to Portland in 2006, and while she delight-

ed in attracting businesses to Bethel, her heart, she said, has never been in retail.

"I've moved on," Thurston said, "and my love has always been in restoration of buildings, not in owning retail businesses."

"As I no longer reside in Bethel, and it is difficult to be an absentee landlord, I feel the property needs another owner with a new vision."

One current retail tenant, Sara Hemeon, of Elements Art Gallery, shares that sentiment.

"I hope we get someone who really loves Philbrook Place, and we get some nice stores in here," Hemeon said. "There's room for six or seven more businesses."

What Hemeon and some other tenants do fear is another change of use — to condos, a bar or restaurant.

And there are grounds for that fear.

"The building has documentation completed with the town for condominium conversion (except for final fire-marshals signoff)," Thurston said.

Philbrook Place will be auctioned on Monday, Jan. 19. The minimum bid is \$500,000.

Thurston acknowledged that the current economic

climate is less than ideal for moving a large property, especially one with "for rent" signs in some windows.

"But there's never a good time to sell this sort of business," she said. "When I had it fully tenanted it was a pain to put it on the market, because the tenants would all whine about that."

And the auction, she said, is not a foreclosure auction.

She opted to use this method, she said, "because it is the best means of defining what is a fair-market value for the property, which is truly extraordinarily unique and needs the right end-user, I've done all I can, and I can't take it any farther."

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, credited Thurston with being instrumental in reestablishing the commercial viability of Bethel Village.

"She did a lot for the community," Zinchuk said. "She restored the Victoria [an earlier Thurston project], and her idea of having retail and stalls in the Philbrook Place has really helped the whole shopping feel of Main Street."

Details regarding the auction can be found on page 17 of this week's Citizen.

**Books**

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One recent book, "Elsa Gree Clambake and the Ears of Corn," combines partial names from the children to create the main character's name.

The plot finds a young girl, sent by her mother to buy corn from a farmer, encountering characters along the way who are difficult to understand because of their accents.

The theme, Kim said, "is about accepting others."

This year's book is the longest one yet — 32 pages, including the illustrations. The story is set in Africa.

Kim's illustrations vary widely from year to year. "Elsa" was an intricate col-

lection of shaped bits of paper pasted on to each page. This year's book features crayon-like drawings on brown paper.

too."

Matt said that while the video games and other more up-to-date Christmas presents grab the kids' attention on Christmas morning, the books are something they return to over the years.

The book project, he said, "is more of a marathon for the kids' affection."

Matt and Kim also see their efforts as practice.

"We want our own kids someday," he said.

And as they wrap up this year's book, they're already thinking ahead to 2009.

"Next year's story takes place in Bethel," said Matt.

MATT HONGOLTZ-HETTING

The story plots usually include an element of danger that the characters must overcome, Matt said.

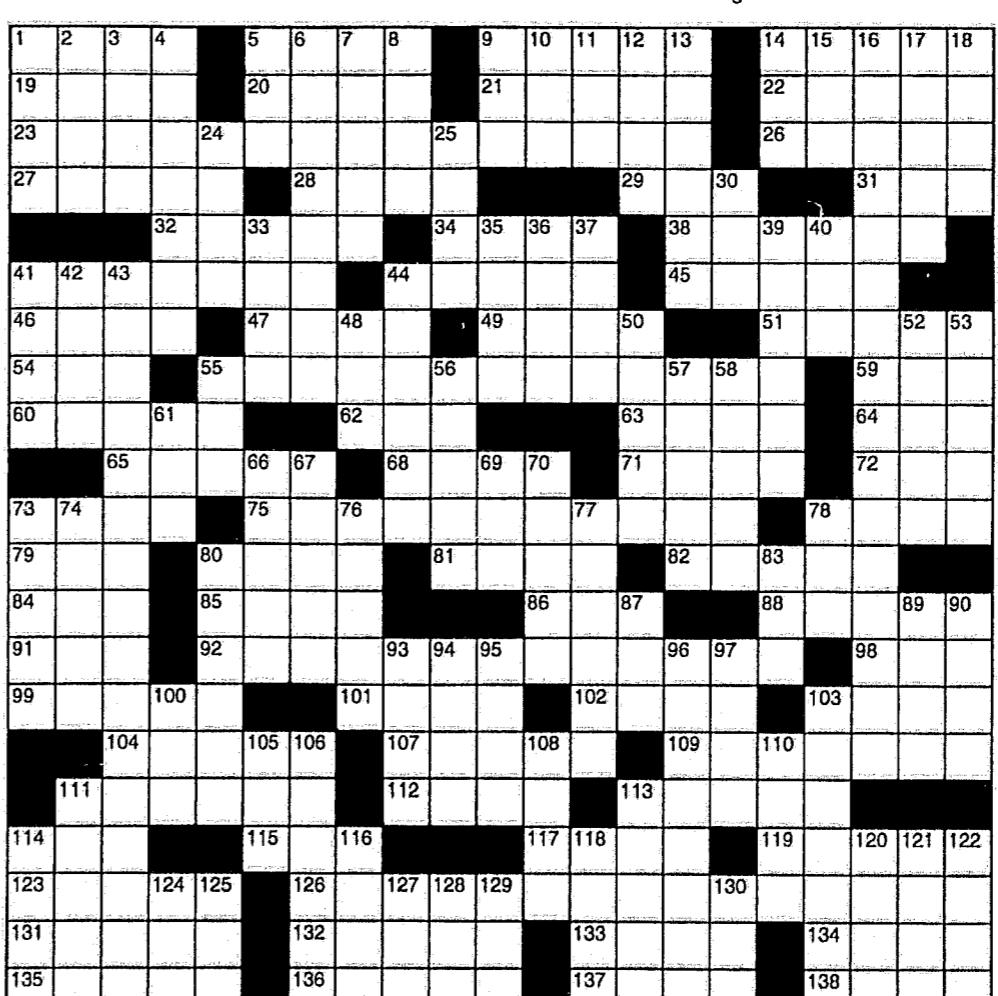
"If there's a darker element, it makes [the children] sit up and take notice. I like fairy tales because they are a way to teach. But I want the stories to be fun, too."



**AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR**—Matt and Kim Hongoltz-Hetting with some of the recent books and illustrations they have created for their nieces and nephews. Matt, a native of upstate New York, and Kim, from Illinois, moved to Bethel in 2007 seeking a rural New England lifestyle. She works for Key Bank in Bethel while he has an online business.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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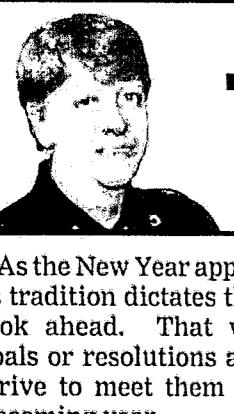
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**The Way I See It**

by Sharon Bouchard



As the New Year approaches tradition dictates that we look ahead. That we set goals or resolutions and we strive to meet them in the upcoming year.

That's for the new year, but right now it's Christmas and one of my favorite things about this holiday is not looking ahead, but looking back at Christmases past. Unlike Scrooge there are no unfriendly ghosts to show me the error of my ways.

I think most people get a little nostalgic this time of the year. Even my grandsons are starting to reminisce about Christmases gone by. For them each year that they can remember was the "Best Christmas Ever!"

I have a few "Best Christmas Ever!" memories of my own and a few that I would rather forget. Maybe there is an unfriendly ghost lurking in my past after all. The ones I would rather forget were generally of my own making like the year I unwrapped and rewrote all of my presents when no one was home.

I must have been around 13 or 14 and I absolutely positively had to have a particular pink angora sweater with the cable stitching down the front. These sweaters were all the rage and I could just picture myself wearing it with my best pleated skirt.

I couldn't wait for Christmas and when the opportunity came and I was all alone I unwrapped all my presents and yes, the pink angora sweater was one of them.

... one of my favorite things about this holiday is not looking ahead, but looking back at Christmases past.

The Christmas of my first Barbie was a different story. I really wanted a Barbie doll, but I was old enough to understand that money was in short supply that year so I didn't expect to get one. Not only did I get the Barbie of my dreams, but I also got three complete Barbie outfit sets and a carrying case to put everything in.

We even had real whipped cream on the banana cream pie instead of Dream Whip for Christmas dinner. I never knew where the windfall came from, but boy oh boy, that was the "Best Christmas Ever!"

I look back at the Christmases of my children's younger years as such cherished memories. The times Henry and I were up until the wee hours struggling with "Some Assembly Required." The family traditions we started that are

all the rage and I could just picture myself wearing it with my best pleated skirt.

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Wednesday, December 24, 2008

## The Bethel Citizen

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**From the Bethel Police Log:**

Monday, Dec. 22

**At 10:07 p.m.** Officer George Gould responded to Vernon St. for a motor vehicle that had slid off the road. There were no injuries.

**Sunday, Dec. 21**

**At 7:44 a.m.** Officer Mike Kelly assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle on Parkway/Route 26.

**At 10:24 a.m.** Officer Mike Kelly responded to the Flat Rd. for a report of a domestic assault. Investigation revealed no evidence of an assault and the complaint was determined to be unfounded.

**At 5:05 p.m.** Lt. S.R. White responded to the East Bethel Rd. for a report of a domestic incident. One subject had been assaulted, and the other had left. A be-on-the-lookout was put out on the second subject.

**Saturday, Dec. 20**

**At 11:42 a.m.** Officer Rusty Daley responded to Mason St. for a verbal domestic dispute.

**At 7 p.m.** Lt. S.R. White observed a vehicle strike a parked vehicle on Main St. The parked vehicle was not occupied.

**Friday, Dec. 19**

**At 9:50 a.m.** Officer Crystal Aylward responded to Main St. for a welfare check.

**At 12:08 p.m.** Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a subject driving erratically on Route 26. The officer located the vehicle, but did not observe any violations. The driver was stopped and warned.

(Time not available) Officer George Gould responded to Route 2 west of Bethel for a report of two horses running in the road. The owner was located. The horses were returned to their pen.

**Thursday, Dec. 18**

**At 2:15 a.m.** Officer Jason Goff responded to a tractor trailer-truck accident on Route 26 in Greenwood. The drivers were checked by rescuer personnel.

**At 11:15 p.m.** Officer Jason Goff responded with Bethel Rescue to a medical emergency on the East Bethel Rd.

*This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.*

**Tips from the Bethel Police Department**

1. If you dial 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher what happened.
2. So that responders can find you quickly in an emergency, make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road — on the house if it is near the road, or on a mailbox or post if the house sits more than 50 feet back.
3. Watch out for scam letters and phone calls. A letter may state you have won money and need to pay a fee to claim the prize and release the money. Sometimes people will receive a check they are directed to cash, and then repay a portion to the sender. Phone scams may also attempt to elicit information (such as a social security number or birth date) the caller can use to steal someone's identity. And if a caller says they are collecting money for a good cause, ask that written information be sent first.

**Oxford County Jail:**

(Bethel region)

**Dec. 22, 3:00 p.m.**: Brian J. Piawlock, 21, of Bethel, domestic assault; by BPD Chief Alan Carr.

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by  
Lorrie Hoeh  
With apologies again to Clement Moore:

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And all over town,  
Folks marveled in wonder  
At snow all around.

Seven inches last Wednesday,  
On Friday five more;  
The northeaster on Sunday  
Just raised up the score.

Last week Grange was cancelled  
Because of the snow,  
And the building is chilly,  
As everyone knows.

The West Bethel Church  
Had a two-hour show,  
With candles lit early  
To miss all the snow.

The children performed  
A nativity play,  
Which pleased one and all,  
Made everyone's day.

We've filled all our buckets,  
And oil lamps as well;  
The candles are ready  
For a powerless spell.

The presents are wrapped  
And stockings prepared,  
Awaiting St. Nick,  
Who soon will be there.

And now I will say,  
In phrases quite clear,  
Merry Christmas to all,  
And a Happy New Year!

**Gilead**

by  
Lin Chapman

After this last snowstorm,  
there should be enough  
snow for a while. The  
wind always blows after a  
storm and makes the snow  
drift, so it was hard to tell just  
how much snow we did get. It  
was nice to have the day off  
from work, since I did not really  
want to go out and drive  
after such a big storm.

An e-mail was received last  
week from Major Stephen

McLain, who is serving in  
Iraq. He said he was awarded  
the Bronze Star Medal for his  
work in financial management  
operations, improving Iraqi  
banking institutions, and in  
developing the economy in  
southern Iraq through the cre-  
ation of an Iraqi Based Indus-  
trial Zone (IBIZ). He is the son  
of Steve and Lise McLain of  
Gilead.

My brother, Steve McLain,  
also had an e-mail from Ste-  
phen that said he had received  
the packages that the local  
Girl Scouts had sent to him. He  
was quite pleased and wanted  
to send them a big thank you.

Lise McLain took her father,  
Gerard Dupont, to his doctor's  
appointment last week. They  
took time to go out to lunch  
and do some shopping.

I would like to wish every-  
one a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

Got any news? Call 836-2987  
or e-mail [chapml@hotmail.com](mailto:chapml@hotmail.com).

**Hanover**

by Clem  
Worcester

We have noticed the differ-  
ence. Ride out around after  
dark and there are not  
nearly as many Christmas  
lights as usual. Has our val-  
ley somehow lost the Spirit?  
There have been tough times  
for lots of folks. Let's hope our  
good neighbors find the ways  
to enjoy this Christmas. Happy  
Holidays!

The Hanover Select Board  
met Tuesday, Dec. 16, for their  
monthly meeting. The Board  
approved the warrant for the  
Jan. 15 special Town Meet-  
ing for the referendum election  
to decide who will be the  
Hanover Representative on  
the Board of Directors for the  
Western Foothills Regional  
School Unit 10.

They also noted that six tax  
liens were being sent to the  
Registry of Deeds for record-  
ing. The Board also learned  
that \$25,000 had been received  
since tax bills were sent in No-  
vember.

Bob Fortin reported that he  
had attended a meeting of the  
Tri-Town Solid Waste and Re-  
cycle Board and former Hanover  
Selectman and Tri-Town Board member Bruce

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Jan. 2 Boys JV/Varsity vs. Winthrop 5:30 p.m.  
Jan. 3 Girls Varsity vs. Winthrop 7 p.m.  
Jan. 5 Boys JV/Varsity vs. Livermore Falls 5:30 p.m.  
Jan. 6 Girls Varsity vs. Livermore Falls 7 p.m.  
Jan. 12 Girls/Varsity vs. Carrabec 5:30 p.m.  
Jan. 23 Girls Varsity vs. Monmouth 6 p.m.  
Feb. 4 Girls Varsity vs. Jay 6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 5 Boys JV/Varsity vs. Jay 5:30 p.m.

Powell was going to review  
Hanover's agreement with  
that group.

Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.  
Sympathy is extended to  
Jennie Bell Bartlett and her  
family upon the passing of  
her husband, Lindon. For  
many years the Bartletts  
lived on Main Street between  
the store and Just a Hobby  
Antiques. Last year they  
moved to Hartford. He was  
72.

Remember, schools are  
closed for the holidays. With  
all the new snow, watch for  
young ones on sleds who may  
inadvertently slide into the  
road.

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es for 2009 are now available  
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ber, you will need a new license if you are hunting or fishing on January 1st.

It is reported that the Town Office is open Friday after Christmas and New Year's Eve and Friday, Jan. 2. Going to the office for the Hunting/Fishing license? Dog Licenses are also due by Dec. 31.

May all your news be good news and may you have the best of this special week.

### East Andover



by  
Joan  
Stinson-Carney

Happy Holidays everyone! I hope you all get wonderful presents, have good things to eat, and the cat doesn't knock the tree over. Thank heavens it will be all over tomorrow!

Don't forget that there will be a rabies clinic this Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Fire Station. Hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. A \$14 fee, cash only, will be charged per animal. You can also license your dogs then if you need to.

Best wishes to East Andover resident Alice Dixon who recently had surgery. Cards would be nice.

The new fire truck has arrived in town. It will be a while until it is ready to go, but I hear it is a beauty.

Congratulations to Kelly and Peter Scotti.

The Town Office will be open on Wednesday morning, Dec. 31, instead of the usual afternoon hours.

Town committees should have their reports ready for the town report and turned in by the first week of January.

My mother, Marjorie Stinson, wants to thank everyone who sent her Christmas cards, she was very happy to get them.

Have a nice week. See 'ya.

### West Paris



by  
Joyce Lamb  
  
Winter's cold has set in to stay. There is no turning the furnace back during the day anymore as I have been doing.

ing all fall, for the temperature remains below freezing most days. Snow every where. The last storm must have been six inches deep. Frank plowed twice in this, must have been six inches deep. Frank plowed twice and I try to keep the paths cleared. I shovel every two or three inches for it is easier that way.

It has been too slippery for the Cotton Tops to walk on our regular days, so if the sun melts the ice and slush a few of us go out later. We get stiff if we do not walk for a week.

The traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at the Universalist Church at 6 p.m. led by the Rev. Richard Beal. Carols and candle lighting will be included in the service.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, Jennifer Wickson will be the guest speaker at 9 a.m. at the Universalist Church. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows.

While volunteering last week at Ledgeview Nursing Home two Santas from the Advent Church came delivering poinsettias. They even had a beautiful one for a volunteer, so as it was Monday that was me. It brightens up my living room. Thank you for being so thoughtful.

Merry Christmas to all! I hope the weather and roads are clear for the big day so families can get together. Muffin will remain quietly at home but will get an extra serving of her favorite cat food.

### Locke Mills



by  
Lorraine  
Larson

Just when I thought I was finally back online and could get news in more consistently, my computer went "poof" and in a cloud of smoke bit the dust.

At least before computers showed me how fast we could communicate with others, I still had a car to get my news into the Citizen office. Now I am reduced to sending news up by mail, which, although a bit better than pony express, is not the most reliable means of communication.

I am amazed sometimes, how fast a letter can get to its destination but the next week

it may take three or four days. That said, I am never sure if I need to post the news three or four days before the Friday deadline. Add this to the fact that, at my age, time seems to go by so quickly it is often Friday before I give it a thought, and I can no longer rush to the computer, type in a few items to an e-mail and, voila! It is at the news office before my finger leaves the "send" button, or the mouse button to be more accurate. Alas, I am spoiled by modern technology.

And, speaking of that, I was given an MP3 player and am enthralled and bewildered how a two-inch by two-inch piece of plastic can house 900 four-minute songs and play them back with such clarity and beauty. "Wow" is the only very inadequate way to express my feelings!

It would seem winter has finally decided to arrive with a vengeance, Thank God, we were spared another ice storm in this area, but it looks as if we are going to be treated to another snowy winter. But I'll take snow over ice any day. And I'm sure the skiers are delighted.

And so is Chloe. Garbo, at the advanced age of 14, looks out the door, sniffs the air, surveys the snow and mutters something cat language I can't understand, which is probably just as well, and retreats back to the warm couch. Chloe shivers with anticipation as I snap her to the run and, with wild abandon, races to the end of the run and back, up over banks and around snow clumps, taking great leaps into piles higher than she is. What delicious fun!

### Andover



by  
Melinda  
Averill

What an awesome snow-storm we had on Sunday! Thank goodness it was light and fluffy to shovel, as everybody would be having major back issues this week. I believe we may have enough to start snowmobiling!

Don't forget the Rabies Clinic on Saturday at the Fire Department. It is from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Cost is \$14, cash only.

A reminder that the Town Of-

### Area Christmas Services

#### Bethel

**Our Lady of the Snows**—Christmas Mass, 8 a.m. Christmas morning. (An announcement phone at 824-2933 lists other Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses to be offered in Rumford.)

#### West Bethel

**Pleasant Valley Bible Church**—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 to 7 p.m. (more services, Page 12)

will be closed next Thursday, New Year's Day. Wednesday, Dec. 31, their hours will be in the morning at 8 a.m. instead of the Wednesday afternoon hours.

The Library will also be closed on New Year's Day.

Happy Birthday on Saturday to Megan Chaisson, and to Hanna Jean Merrill on Dec. 30.

Merry Christmas, and Happy Chanukah Andover friends!

### Bryant Pond



by  
Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6. Wednesday evening is Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m., Jan. 2 at 6 p.m. is Young Adults Fellowship time. Jan. 18 at 6 p.m., Chris and Lois Tignor, missionaries to Ecuador, will be at that service.

There are no more Grange meetings until April.

The Woodstock Extension cancelled their meeting on the 17th because of a snowstorm. Next meeting is Jan. 16.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet in January at the Town Conference Room. There will be a potluck dinner and silent auction. Each one, please bring a dish to share at the dinner and an item for the silent auction. Date is Jan. 1 at 11:30 a.m.

#### Historical Society

At the December meeting of the Historical Society, the potluck supper featured such fare as lasagna and hamburg stroganoff, tossed and molded salads, rolls and muffins, and corn pudding, chocolate pie and cookies for dessert. Curator Larry Billings reported on reading he does, and president Elaine Roberts spoke about events of the year so far, during the business meeting. They also had exchange of gifts and cards. Paul and Vicki Billings gave everyone calenders.

The January meeting program will consist of New Year's stories. Everyone is to bring at least one. The Historical Society museum is of course closed for the winter.

and I think that the parents did, too, I got to see friends I don't see too often anymore, including Kelly and new bambino Riley, who is six months. This was the first I'd met him.

Now it is off to New Year's. I doubt we will budge for the holiday. Knowing us, we probably will not see the New Year in. It is past our bed-time.

It seems like only a few years ago that I went out and partied for the New Year. I remember one year going to New Year's Portland and with only an hour or two of sleep driving to Ketchum for New Year's Day. It was great fun, but no way could I do it now. Although I know that if I lived closer I would go to New Year's Bethel for part of the evening. Since it is Wednesday and we will be there, maybe we can take in the early stuff, if the weather cooperates.

With that I will end this rambling. Have a great holiday and stay safe for the New Year.

*From  
Bethel Historical  
Society Regional  
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Sponsors for the 11th annual New Year's Bethel are still being sought at the Patron (\$200 or more), Friend (\$100-\$199) or Contributor (\$5-\$99) level. Sponsors will be listed in all publicity connected with this popular event and also be posted at each venue.

More than \$1,600 in sponsorships has been raised to date from the following: Patron: Walter and Carol Hatch, Bethel; Friend: Lynn and Joe Arizzi, Bethel; David and Terry Miles, Rumford, R.I.; Gail and Bill Frongillo, Bethel; Contributor: Rosemary Bunn, Bethel; Ron and Marguerite Kendall, Bethel; Dorothy Bartlett, Bethel; Barbara Mahler, Bethel; Harry and Elaine Dresser, Bethel; Janet E. Stowell, Bethel; Lorrie and Richard Hoeh, Albany Township; Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga; Jean K. Owen, Bethel; Eleanor Pugliese, Bethel; Robin Zinchuk and family, Bethel; Chris P. Longley, Albany Township; Stan Howe, Bethel. Business Sponsors include Bonnema Potters, Bethel; Brooks Bros., Bethel; Cafe DiCoco's Market and Bakery, Bethel; Norway Savings Bank, Norway; Rivendell House B & B, Bethel. Much appreciation is extended to all of the above for

I trust all will have a great holiday. I was surprised that the schools let out so early. I guess that just saves them from canceling for the storm. Other areas did have school, and they all cancelled.

We did get to the Waterford Elementary School for their holiday concert last week. All the children did great. They tried to have songs from all religions. The kids all enjoyed it

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From 6-10pm enjoy a buffet New Year's Dinner, live entertainment & fireworks deckside.

Cost is \$19.95 for adults; \$9.95 for kids 12 and under; Kids 5 and under are free. Plus, step outdoors and take advantage of skiing/riding under the lights until 9pm.

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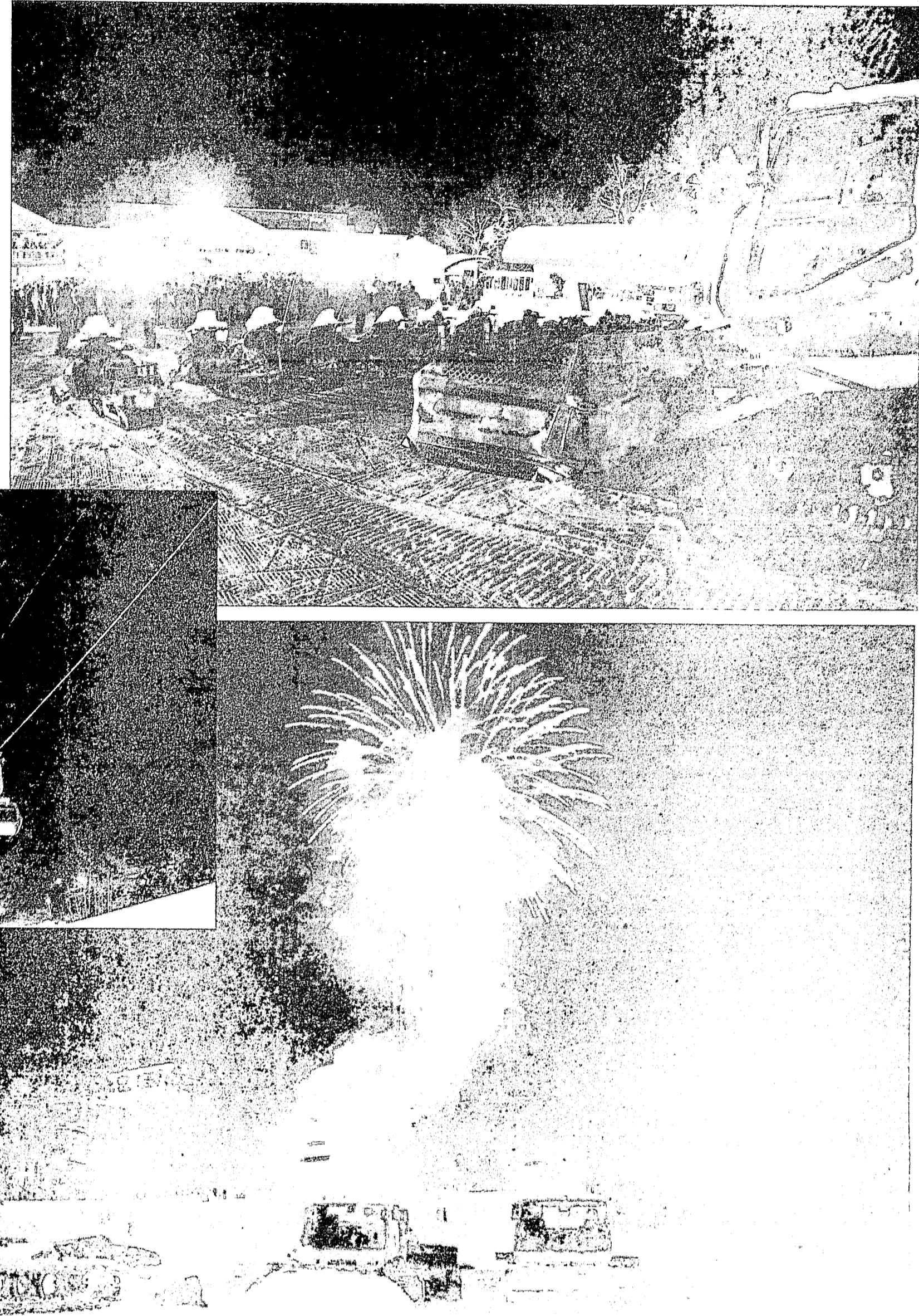
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This year's event, an affordable, chemical-free festival featuring live entertainment for all ages, begins with a community potluck supper at 5 p.m., a children's dragon parade at 6 p.m., marshmallow roasting on the town common throughout the evening, and includes Judy Lee's fun-filled family show, the State Street Jazz band, contra dance with Ti'Acadie, Senior Players, community sing along with Lynn Arizzi at the piano, and community bell ringing at midnight.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Citizen office, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Maine Line Products Locke Mills store, and the Bethel Historical Society's museum shop: \$10 adult and \$8 students 6-18 and at the door \$12 adult and \$10 students 6-18. Those age 5 or under are free.

Further information may be gained by calling the Bethel Historical Society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or going to the website: www.bethelhistorical.org.

## 2008 Leadership Challenge

Kent G. Taylor, chairman of the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign, announced this week that the deadline is fast approaching for participation in this year's challenge where every first-time contribution will be matched on a one-to-one basis by the Stifter/Leadership Challenge. An increased gift in 2008 will also be matched, dollar for dollar, to cover the increase over last year's giving.

Various levels are available: Memorial, \$25; Freeholder, \$50; Proprietor, \$100; Founder, \$250; Magistrate, \$500; Dr. Moses Mason Society \$1000-plus+.

Contributions to the society are tax deductible as allowable by law and help keep



**PULL 'ER OUT**—On Friday morning a C.N. Brown oil truck attempting to make a delivery to Conn and Ted St. Pierre's home on Route 26 rolled down her driveway into the ditch. After spending a good part of the day Friday trying to get it out, workers finally off-loaded the oil and pulled

(Photo: C. St. Pierre)

its programming strong as well as upholding its mission of collecting, preserving, and interpreting for present and future generations the local and regional history of Northern New England.

Gifts may be made in cash, securities, real estate, bonds, appreciated stock or other personal property. Further information can be gained by calling the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2908 or go to the website: www.bethelhistorical.org.

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For over 40 years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs.

### From White Mountain National Forest

Beginning Jan. 5, 2009, the USDA Forest Service will no longer operate the Evans Notch Visitor Center in Bethel, as a visitor center. This change will implement decisions made in 1996 to consolidate Forest Service offices. The Forest Service will continue to use the facility for work crews, and the site will also remain occupied by the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

National Forest information, firewood permits, recreation passes and Christmas tree permits, are available at the Androscoggin Ranger District headquarters in Gorham, N.H. Recreation passes may also be purchased through self-service fee tubes at fee sites, from Pleasant River Campground in West Bethel, and from vari-

ous other vendors across the National Forest.

Visitors can also access White Mountain National Forest information at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/white>.

Hikers seeking winter access to the White Mountain National Forest Gale River Trail and Garfield Trail should be aware three road bridges were lost in a flood event this past summer. Consequently, the parking area at the entrance to the South Gale River Road, adjacent to Route 3, will not be plowed and is closed to parking this winter.

For winter access to Gale River Trail and Garfield Trail, as well as skiing opportunities on Gale River Road, visitors are asked to park at the Beaver Brook Wayside, located on Route 3, one mile northeast of the Gale River Loop Road. Hikers should follow trail signs posted in the Beaver Brook Ski Trail system to connect to North Gale River Road and follow the road to either Garfield Trailhead or Gale River Trailhead.

Visitors are advised not to

travel by foot over the South Gale River Road as fording the multiple river crossings where the bridges are out can be very dangerous in winter conditions.

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### From Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce wants to "keep the magic" going with the Bethel WinterFest 2009, from Jan. 9-19.

The magic that was created by the building of the World's Tallest SnowWoman in the winter of 2008, that is!

Since a project of that magnitude is simply out of the question two years in a row, the chamber is creating a phenomenon of similar proportions. Not necessarily a 121-

foot-tall creation, but rather a half dozen incredible artistic snow creations designed and produced by some of North America's most renowned snow and ice sculptors under the coordination of Ed Jarrett, executive director of the Maine Snow and Ice Sculpting Foundation.

Team Canada of Donald Watt, Michael Lane and Peter Lucchetti, winners of the International Snow Sculpture Competition at the Quebec Winter Carnival 2008, are arriving in Bethel on Jan. 1 to start carving under our 140-foot tent on the Bethel Common. They will be creating some fantastic snow sculptures based on our theme of "Four Seasons of Outdoor Fun!"

Among the creations will be a featured Bear on Water-skis and a Moose on an ATV. Tickets will be sold, on a limited basis, to watch the carvers do their work from Jan. 2-9.

The tent will be open to the public at 5 p.m. on Jan. 9. This spectacular show will be a treat for all ages. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for ages 13-18 and 65-plus, \$1 for ages 3-12, and under 3 are free. Tickets will be sold on site and hours of operation will begin at 10 a.m. each day, with close at 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays. The event will end on Monday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

Other WinterFest 2009 events will be held throughout the area and can be enjoyed by all. The Bethel Inn Resort will be offering ice-skating, sledding and a snowpeople building forest, in addition to their snowshoeing, Nordic skiing and horse-drawn sleigh rides. Many of the shops and restaurants will be featuring WinterFest specials and be open extended hours on the weekends. Additional events are being held at both Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram Resort, at Carter's and Sunday River Inn Cross Country Ski centers and at Sun Valley Sports and Guide Services. Go to [www.bethelmaine.com](http://www.bethelmaine.com) for the entire events calendar for that time period.

Volunteer opportunities are plentiful and details on that can be obtained by calling the chamber at 824-2282. Volunteering ensures an invitation to the VIP reception, which will be held prior to the public opening on Jan. 9. Sponsorships are still available as well.

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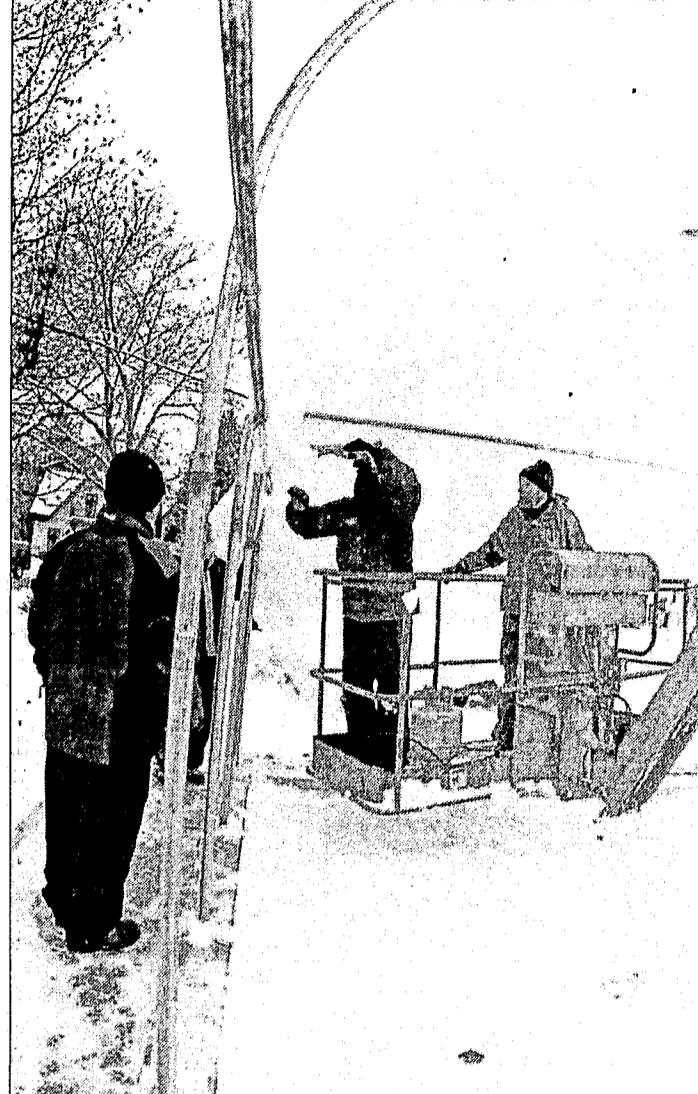
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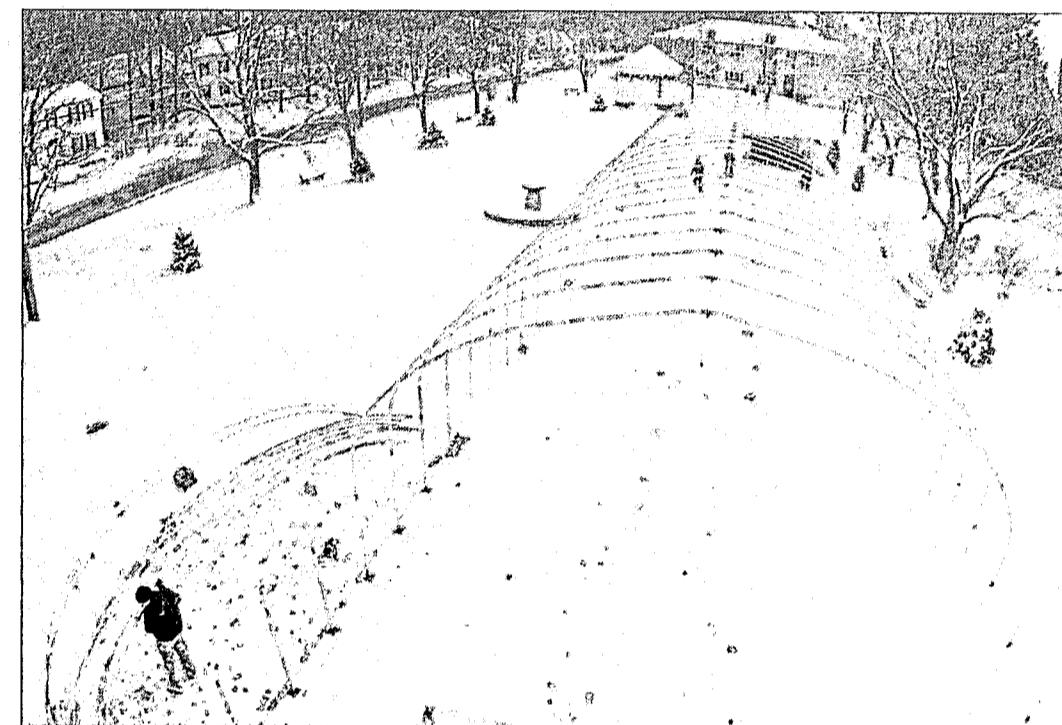
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# THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN

**Preparations are underway for Bethel WinterFest 2009, which will take place from Jan. 9 through 19. Some of North America's most renowned snow and ice sculptors will carve their creations under the coordination of Ed Jarrett, executive director of the Maine Snow & Ice Sculpting Foundation, according to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Last week, using steel supports and shrink-wrapped plastic, Jarrett and volunteers set up a 140-foot-long tent on the Bethel common to house the sculptures. But over the weekend, Mother Nature had other ideas. She took down the structure with a combination of heavy snow and high winds. Jarrett plans to replace the shelter with a smaller, 70-foot long version and utilize a court-yard exhibit area for the remaining space, according to Robin Zinchuk, BACC executive director. Sculpture carving will start Jan. 1. Below right, a championship sculpture by Team Canada, from another event. For more information on the WinterFest, see Chamber column, Page 8.**

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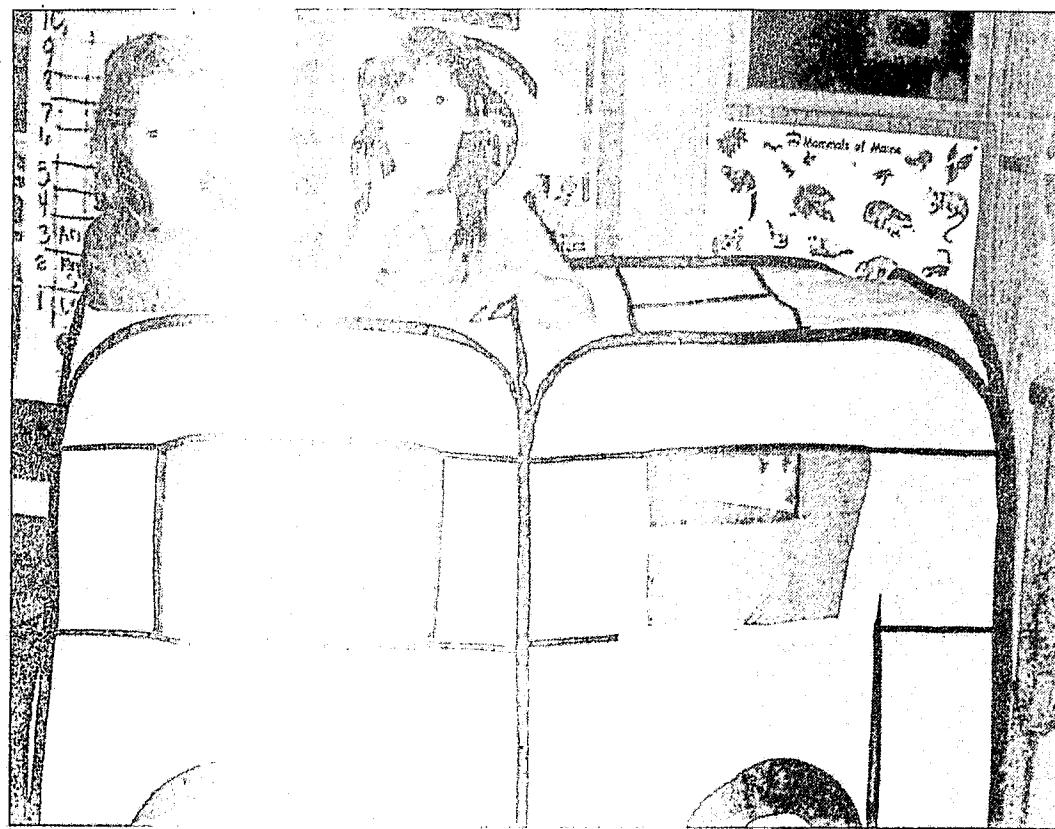
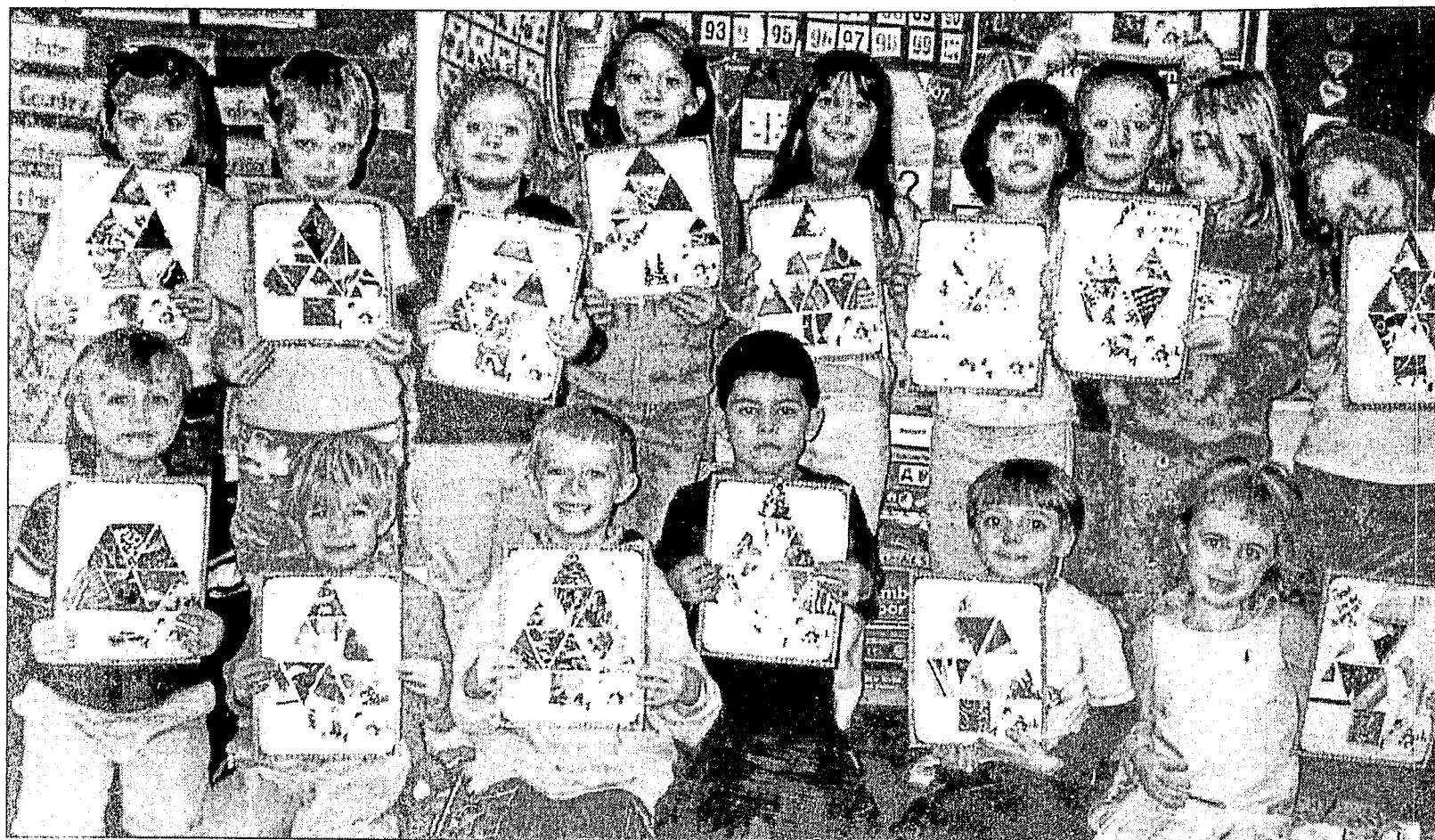
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**BUSY TIMES AT CPS**

Clockwise, from right: Pupils in Barb Sabin's kindergarten class at the Crescent Park Elementary School recently recreated holiday cards to send to servicemen and women. The idea originated with the CPS Student Council. The pupils worked on the project with buddies from Telstar Middle School; CPS kindergartners studied geography recently, completing a puzzle of the seven continents and major oceans; Shelby Thorman and Talia Paaso demonstrate bus safety rules.



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8**TREE OF LOVE****Bethel Rotary Club  
Memory & Honor Lights - 2008****Bethel Common Christmas Tree Lights  
In Honor and Remembrance****IN MEMORY OF...**

Memory of Florence Head	Memory of John Head	Memory of Imogene Clanton	Honor of Kevin Richards
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Memory of Stan Kuhn	Memory of Ronald Snyder	Memory of John Bullard	Jane Gross
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Memory of Gertrude C. Kuhn	Memory of Joseph Fahay	Memory of Mary Bean	John & Amy DeVivo
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Memory of Omie A. Kuhn	Memory of Susan Fahay	Memory of Esther Lucas	Bruce Potts
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Memory of Jimmy Kuhn	Memory of Henry Szpara	Memory of Wyatt Bennett	Greg & Mike Steven
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Pat Nata	Memory of Mindy Gilbert	Memory of Lorraine Hemingway Nadeau	Honor of Jake Tyler
Memory of Frances V. Kuhn	Memory of Susan Osgood	Memory of Johnine Vancil	Lorena Tyler
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Memory of Gregory Head	Memory of Mildred Oiten	Memory of Ernest & Dorothy Hale	Honor of Melody Bonnema
Alberta Head	Memory of Mildred Oiten	Memory of Hazel Dean & Morgan Mikell	Dean & Priscilla Walker
Memory of Dana Head	Memory of Dorothy F. Hale	Memory of W.H. Mikell	Honor of MaryJane Shiverick
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Memory of Pamela Head	Memory of Melvin Olson	Memory of John & Helen Kubach	Honor of Hayley
Lynn & Joe Anz	Memory of Robert K. Kane	Memory of John & Ruth Wight	Barbara DiPadua
Memory of Dee Mervin	Memory of Robert K. Kane	Memory of J. Richard Littlefield	Honor of Justen Horvath
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Amy, Mike & Brandon	Memory of Gregory Merrill	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Robin Zinchuk
Memory of David L. Head	Memory of Dorothy F. Hale	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Dan, Brian, Kevin, Matthew Zinchuk
Adrian Hale	Memory of Melvin Olson	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Robin & Douglas Zinchuk
Memory of David L. Head	Memory of Melvin Olson	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Louis & Jeannine Horvath
Mindy, Mike & Jordan	Memory of Robert K. Kane	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Robin Zinchuk
Memory of Jane Gregor	Memory of Gregory Merrill	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Peter & Anne Zinchuk
Al & Lee Barth	Memory of Gregory Merrill	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Robin & Douglas Zinchuk
Memory of Jack Gregor	Memory of Frank Murphy	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of our family
Al & Lee Barth	Memory of Frank Murphy	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Ernest & Alberta Angewine
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Al & Lee Barth	Memory of Ruth & Gordon Mallar	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Chris & Nancy Barstow
Memory of Norman I. Gruber	Memory of Katherina Ann Downing	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Phyllis Cross
Al & Lee Barth	Memory of Addison Saunders	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Laney Cross
Memory of Doris Gorbach	Memory of Andy Bartlett	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Steve Vaud Jr.
Al & Lee Barth	Memory of Andy Bartlett	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Linda & Jim Champagne
Memory of Robert D. Head	Memory of Cindy Beatson	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Scott Sumner
Al & Mary Alice Head	Memory of Cindy Beatson	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Mom & Dad
Becky Kendall	Memory of Dan & Millie Griffith	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of our Grandchildren
Memory of Florence Hirsch	Memory of Dan & Carolyn Graney	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Al & Jackie Cressy
Al & Mary Alice Head	Memory of Ada Cummings	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of John Head
Memory of George C. Head	Memory of George Marshall	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Pat & Bill Thurston
Al & Mary Alice Head	Memory of Jim Keith	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Mary Paline
Memory of Charlotte Head	Memory of Jim Keith	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Bud Paline, married June 19, 1943
Janet Black	Memory of John & Joan Horvath	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Honor of Betty Moran
Memory of Hanne Feltz	Memory of John & Joan Horvath	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	Cynthia Moran-Laux
Janet Black	Memory of John & Joan Horvath	Memory of Nedra & Robert Family	

The Rotary Club of Bethel maintains the large lighted Christmas tree on the Bethel Common. This year, a program was established to offer to the public single lights for \$5 each in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. The proceeds support the maintenance of the tree and community service projects of the club.

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**Our thanks and best wishes go out to everyone in the community during the holiday season.**

**Our Holiday Wish To You**

May you and yours have a Christmas Season filled with love and laughter, peace and joy.

May the New Year bring you all of the wonderful things you deserve, and so much more.

**Happy Holidays!**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

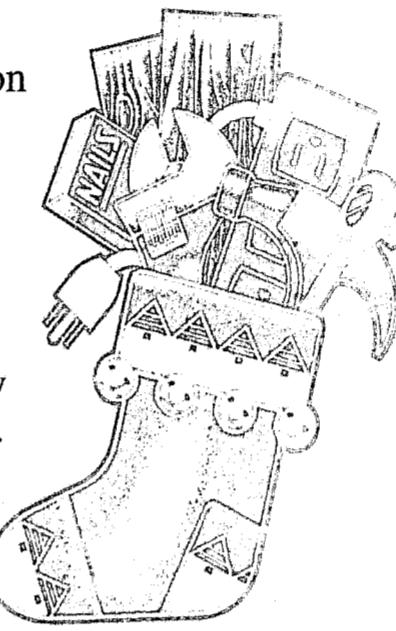
*In the spirit of giving, we would like to offer our thanks for your support and confidence. May all your holiday wishes come true.*

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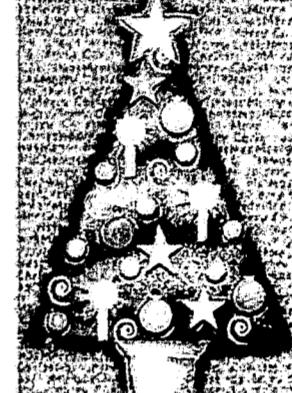
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# Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - The Yet To Be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - T'ai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p\_quilts@yahoo.com.

## Wednesday, Dec. 24

6 p.m. - Christmas Eve Pageant and Music Program at Waterford Congregational Church, Plummer Hill. All welcome. FMI: call 583-6677.

6 to 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Pleasant Valley Bible church, Flat Road, Bethel.

6 and 10 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at Second Congregational Church, U.C.C., 205 Main Street, Norway. Early service for young children, late service traditional with lessons and carols. English hand bells at 6 p.m. FMI: 743-2290.

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service by Sunday River Christian Ministry with the Rev. Don Coverdale leading in praise, prayer and peace. The service takes place in front of the fireplace, third floor of Barker Base Lodge at Sunday River Ski Resort. All ages welcome. FMI: call 824-5896 (recording).

## Thursday, Dec. 25

8 a.m. - Christmas Mass at Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Community Christmas dinner at First Congregational Church, East Main Street, Paris. Free. Takeouts available. FMI: 674-5185.

### It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

# Support Services

## ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

## AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

## ADDITION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

## EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Summer areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

## MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

# Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

## Saturday, Dec. 27

2 to 4 p.m. - Rabies Clinic at Andover Fire Station. Cost: \$14 (cash only). Dogs may be registered as well.

7 p.m. - Mad Science program of Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$4 for children 6 to 12 and \$6 for adults in advance or \$6 and \$8 at door. Tickets available on-mountain at South Ridge Welcome Center, Snow Cap Inn and Grand Hotel Resort front desks or call (800) 543-2SKI. FMI: visit sundayriver.com.



**PETER GROSS AT SUNDAY RIVER** - Part of the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series, located at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel Ballroom, 7pm. FMI: sundayriver.com

## Tuesday, December 30

7 p.m. - Peter Gross - Comic Hypnotist program of Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$4 for children 6 to 12 and \$6 for adults in advance or \$6 and \$8 at door. Tickets available on-mountain at South Ridge Welcome Center, Snow Cap Inn and Grand Hotel Resort front desks or call (800) 543-2SKI. FMI: visit sundayriver.com.

# More Community Calendar

An extended version of this week's Community Calendar can be found on our homepage: bethelcitizen.com.

# Church Services

## ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

## ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

## BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor, Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

## POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

## REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

## VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday; Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

## EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

## GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigian. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

**NEWRY**

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season.

**NORWICH/PARIS**

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

## WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodges, Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade 6:30pm.

## WOODSTOCK

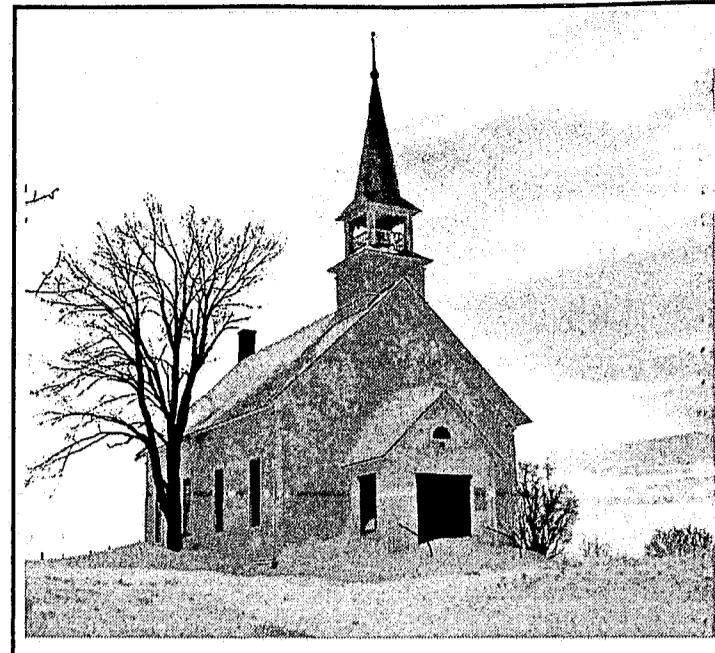
Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9767); Saturday 8:30 a.m. Sabbath school 11 a.m. worship service.

## WOODSTOCK

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

## WOODSTOCK

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-6669 FMI.



## AREA CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

### Bethel

West Parish Congregational Church, UCC—Dec. 24, Christmas Eve (two services offered) 4 p.m.: Bell choir, soloists Katelyn Keane and Kelsey Gamble, carols and an enacted telling of the Christmas story. 7 p.m.: Chancel choir, candlelight, lessons and carols, and a story-sermon.

Our Lady of the Snows—Christmas Mass, 8 a.m. Christmas morning. (An announcement phone at 824-2938 lists other Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses to be offered in Rumford.)

Pleasant Valley Bible Church—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 to 7 p.m.

### Newry

Sunday River Christian Ministry—Interdenominational Sunday River Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:30 p.m. in front of the fireplace on the third floor, Barker Base Lodge at Sunday River Ski Resort. Rev. Don Coverdale and singer Cynthia Clark. All ages welcome. (FMI 207-8245896)

### Norway

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m. at 5 Morrill Road, Norway (cattycorner to Norway Country Club on Rt. 118)

### Waterford

Waterford Congregational Church—Annual Christmas Eve Pageant and Music Program. Begins at 6 p.m. Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. FMI 583-6677

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Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

## Events Calendar

### Wednesday, Dec. 31

11th annual "New Year's Bethel Celebration. Affordable, chemical-free festival with variety of live entertainment at several sites in Bethel Village.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater: Buckfield: Dickie Hyper-Hynie's Rockin' New Year's Eve. Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit [www.oddfellow.com/calendar](http://www.oddfellow.com/calendar).

8 p.m. - New Year's Eve Dance at Andover Town Hall, benefit Andover Food Pantry. DJ Sean will play '70s hits, ice and refreshments provided, 50/50 raffle, 21 and over. Pre-sale tickets: \$6 (\$9 at door). Call Chad (392-2392) or LeighAnna (392-1263) of ChadLeigh Productions or stop at Mill's Market.

### Thursday, Jan. 1

11:30 a.m. - Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting/potluck dinner at Town Conference Room. Silent auction. Everyone bring a dish to share and item for the auction.



GEORGE SATERIAL AT ODDFELLOW THEATER - Saturday, January 17. FMI and tickets, [www.oddfellow.com/calendar](http://www.oddfellow.com/calendar)



ALLOY ORCHESTRA AT GOULD ACADEMY - Thursday, January 8. FMI [www.alloyorchestra.com](http://www.alloyorchestra.com)

### Thursday, Jan. 8

7 p.m. - Mahoosuc Arts Council presents Alloy Orchestra at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. The silent film "The General," directed by Buster Keaton, is brought to life with a score written and performed by a three-man orchestra using found instruments, percussion and state-of-the-art electronics. FMI: [www.alloyorchestra.com](http://www.alloyorchestra.com).

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

11 a.m. - Bethel Senior Citizens Club dinner/meeting at Sudbury Inn. Price of dinner is \$10. Dues (\$3) payable at this meeting.

### Saturday, Jan. 17

7:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater: Buckfield: World Champion Magician, George Saterial. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$16 children 12 and under.. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit [www.oddfellow.com/calendar](http://www.oddfellow.com/calendar).



DICKIE HYPER-HYNIE'S ROCKIN' NEW YEAR'S EVE - Wednesday, December 31. FMI and tickets: 336-3306 or [www.oddfellow.com/calendar](http://www.oddfellow.com/calendar)



## 11TH ANNUAL "NEW YEAR'S BETHEL" CELEBRATION

Once again, the Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce the annual "New Year's Bethel" celebration—an affordable family festival that includes live entertainment at several sites within historic Bethel Hill Village.

Featured at this year's event will be a

- \* Community Pot Luck Supper;
- \* Children's Dra, in Parade;
- \* marshmallow roasting and a bonfire on the Common;
- \* the Judy Lee All New Fun-Filled Family Show;
- \* the State Street Jazz Band;
- \* the Western Mountain Senior College Senior Players;
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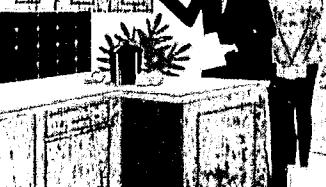
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**COLD FUN**  
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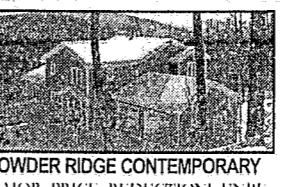
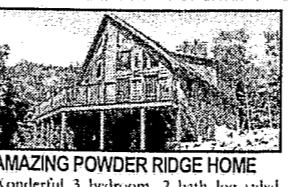
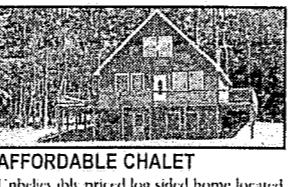
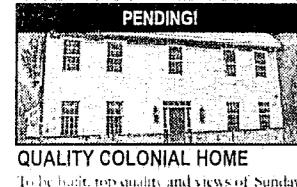
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Newry: Baker's Acres Lot: .153 acres ... SOLD

Newry: Red House Village: .25 acres ... \$110,000

Albany: 42.95 acres ... \$100,000

Norway: Fantastic Views: 6 acres ... \$83,000

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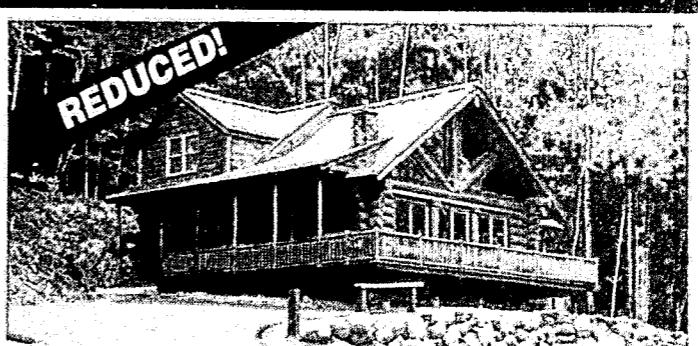
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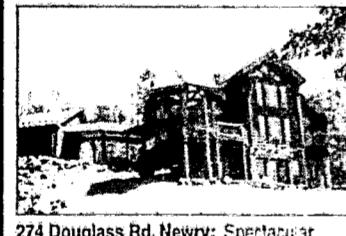
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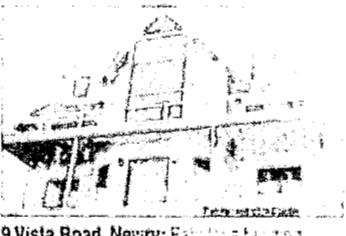
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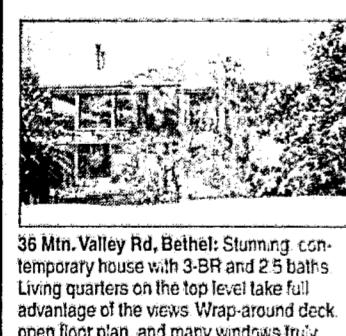
**274 Douglass Rd, Newry:** Spectacular custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces, master suite, hot tub deck, finished daylight basement, and attached 3-car garage. \$798,899



**42 Goose Eye Drive, Newry:** Custom home with charming wrap-around porch overlooking the Sunday River. 4 BRs, 3.5 baths, 2,800+ sq ft. Features include a large deck, sunroom, 14' ceiling, and finished basement. \$795,000



**9 Vista Road, Newry:** Fabulous log cabin package with large great room, 2,000+ sq ft, 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, and a large deck. Features include a fireplace, wood burning stove, and a walk-in closet. \$599,000



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## Obituaries



LINDON U. RAPSON

Lindon U. Rapson, 83, of Hartford and formerly of New Haven, died Dec. 19, 2008.

He was born in New Haven on June 1, 1925, son of Harold E. and (Small) Bartlett, both deceased in Bethel. He married Jeanne Roman on Sept. 13, 1947.

Lindon had served in the U.S. Army in Korea from June 1954 through 1956, later in the U.S. Air Force from June 1958 until 1960 after leaving the service he had worked at



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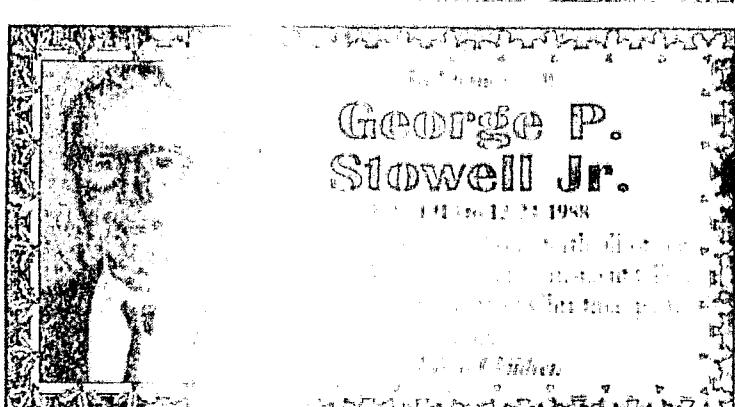
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Edith Mae Bellegarde, 78, died at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, on Sunday evening, Dec. 21, 2008 with family by her side.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1930 in Woodstock, daughter of the late Orin and Eunice (Joslin) Sprague Sr.

Edith enjoyed her time at the South Woodstock Church and loved doing activities at the Ledgeview Living Center for the time she spent there.

She is survived by one son, Eugene L. Bellegarde Jr. and his wife Hanna of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Marianne Gould and her husband George of Woodstock, and Deven Madore and her husband Jim (Fred) of Dixfield; one brother, George Sprague of Beverly, Mass.; three sisters, Evelyn Pike of Harrison, Daisy Coolidge of East Bethel and Anita Mason of Bethel; five grandchildren, Rachel Wilday and her husband Randy of Woodstock, Crystal Bonney and her fiancée Kevin Lawlor of West Paris, Deven Madore of West Paris, and six great-grandchildren, Bradley, Jayden, Julian, Roman, Luke and Kayleigh.

Cremation visiting hours will be held at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel on Sunday evening, Dec. 28, 6 to 8 p.m. with a memorial service at the funeral home on Monday at 1 p.m. Interment will be in the Hanover Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials in his memory are suggested to the American Legion Post, Maine Division, Inc., 1 Main Street, Suite 100, Popsham, ME 04086.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

of Dixfield, and Lani and Jolie Bellegarde both of California; two great-grandchildren, Caleb Wilday and Ellis Coffin. She was predeceased by her parents; one brother, Orin "Billy" Sprague Jr.; three sisters, Charlene Haines, Doris Walker and Mabel Fournier; and a former husband, Buddy Olsen.

Hours of visitation will be held at the Andrews Funeral Home, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond on Dec. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. Private burial services will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory are requested to the Ledgeview Living Center, Resident Council Fund, 141 Bethel Road, West Paris, ME 04289.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank-you to all physicians, nursing staff, and the staff of Andrews Funeral Home involved in supporting both her and her family throughout this difficult time.

## Births

Lance and Heather Easterlin of Beaufort, N.C., are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Brayden Lowell Easterlin, born on Sept. 25, 2008 at Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City, N.C., weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are David Lowell of Newry, Lillian Williamson, Karen Watts and Carroll Easterlin, all of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Great-grandparents are Frank and Bea Lowell of Newry and Joyce Mishoe of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Amy and Lewis Stetson of Andover announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Sue Kristine Stetson, born on Nov. 18, 2008 at Rumford Hospital.

Grandparents are Mark and Anna Thurston of Andover.

and the late Beth and Ralph Stetson III.

Great-grandparents are Thelma Berry of Dixfield and Clara Milligan-Brown of Florida.

Hannah-Sue joins her brother and sister, Kassey and Jeffrey.

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Stacy Bachelder and Aaron Smart of Waterville are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Lily Morgan Smart. Lily was born on Oct. 17, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Janice Bachelder of Bethel.

Maternal great-grandmother is Olga Morgan of Bethel, who shares a birthday with Lily.

Paternal grandparents are Roderick and Darla Smart of Oakland, Maine.

## Engagements



### Greenwald — Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwald of Portland are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Greenwald, to Alex Johnson, son of Carolyn Johnson of Bryant Pond and James Johnson of Greenwood.

Sarah is a 2001 graduate of Deering High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and is continuing her education with a master's degree in literacy from the University of New England. Sarah is employed as a third-grade teacher at Dirigo Elementary School in Peru.

Alex is a 2001 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and a 2002 graduate of Wyoming Technical Institute. He earned an associate's degree in automotive technology and management. Alex has his ASE certifications and has been employed at Rowe Auburn for five years.

A summer 2010 wedding is being planned.

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Chris Akers (Buck) 12/19/99

Elaine Akers 10/05/01

Robert Akers 04/19/06

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